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Making Things Better for You!

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Content Language Integrated Learning

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What is CLIL?

1. CLIL is new. ✗
2. CLIL is structured around the topic/content. ✓
3. Teachers need to have a strong background in science, geography, history, social studies, etc. as well as ELT for teaching CLIL. ✗
4. CLIL uses English as a medium to teach other subject areas. ✓
5. There is no predetermined language syllabus in CLIL. ✓
6. CLIL focuses on fluency & communication. ✓
Example CLIL lessons

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A

Look, read and complete. Where are these places?

1. The Pyramids are in ______.
2. Machu Picchu is in ______.
3. The Eiffel Tower is in ______.
4. The Statue of Liberty is in ______.
5. The Great Wall of ______.
6. Uluru is in ______.

Guess What
The smallest country in the world is the Vatican City.
The largest country in the world is Russia.
Can you find them on a map?

Geography Connection:
countries, cities and landmarks
Example CLIL lessons

**A** Read and match.
1. It has feathers.
2. It can live on land and in water.
3. It has six legs.
4. It has hair or fur and feeds its children with milk.
5. It has scaly skin.

**B** Look and answer.
What kind of animals are these?
1. [Image of bird]
2. [Image of fox]
3. [Image of tortoise]
4. [Image of fly]
5. [Image of ant]

**Guess What**
Guess the correct answer.
1. How long can a tortoise live?
   - 10 years
   - 50 years
   - 120 years
2. How long does a fly live?
   - 3 days
   - 3 weeks
   - 3 years
3. How long does a queen ant live?
   - 15 days
   - 15 weeks
   - 15 years

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Example CLIL lessons

There are a lot of different kinds of houses.

A Read:

- Some houses are made of wood. This is a log cabin in the U.S.A.
- There are even houses made of ice. Look at this igloo in Alaska, in the U.S.A.
- Some houses are made of stone. This is a lighthouse in Canada.

B What are these houses made of?

- The tree house is made of wood.
- A sampan in Hong Kong, a tree house in Thailand.
- A palace in Germany.

Guess What:

There’s an ice-hotel in Jukkasjarvi, Sweden with more than 60 rooms and an ice-church. Inside the temperature is –6°C.

Science Connection: adapting to the environment.
Social Studies Connection: geography.

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Example CLIL lessons

There are a lot of kinds of transportation.

1. Which kind of transportation has wheels?
2. Which kind of transportation goes in the air?
3. Which kind of transportation goes on water?
4. Which kind of transportation has motors?

Social Studies Connection: Transportation

Guess What
The world's longest car is 30.5 m. It's a limousine. It has 26 wheels and inside it has a swimming pool!

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Healthy and Unhealthy Foods

Healthy Foods
Some foods are good for you. They’re healthy. Milk is healthy. Fruit and vegetables are also healthy foods. Meat and fish are good for you too.

Unhealthy Foods
Some foods are not good for you. They are unhealthy. Candy is not good for you. Salty snacks and sodas are unhealthy too.

Guess What
The longest ear of corn ever was 92 cm. long! Are you taller or shorter than that ear of corn?

Science Connection:
Basic Needs – Food

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### Is CLIL right for me & my school?

#### Advantages
- Lessons are based around topics
- Chances to experiment & take risks with the language
- There’s fluency, meaning & communication practice
- The focus is less on linguistic intelligence
- Content is familiar to students
- Students learn like native speakers

#### Disadvantages
- Students notice language slowly but naturally
- Language is not covered systematically
- Exams do not test content
- Teachers are uncomfortable teaching other subjects

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How do I teach CLIL?

It’s a piece of cake
Volcano

- lava
- magma
- ash
- flow
- surface

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A. Next, the liquid rock, now called lava, makes a hole through the rock above & flows out.

B. Pressure from hot gases forces the magma up to the surface through a central passage way.

C. Finally, the layers of lava & volcanic ash cool & solidify, building up a cone-shaped mountain with a central passage way & smaller branch passage ways.

D. A volcano lies over a deep chamber of red-hot liquid called magma.
Label the diagram of a volcano.

1. volcanic ash
2. magma
3. central pipe
4. lava
Know Your Values

Are there any volcanoes in your country?
How do scientists know when a volcano is going to erupt?
What do they do to warn people?

A volcano’s shape depends on the type of eruptions and the type of materials that come out of it:

1. A shield volcano looks like an upside-down plate with gentle slopes.
2. A cinder-cone volcano is very high with steep, often concave, slopes.
3. A strata volcano is a cone-shaped mountain.
Investigate

You need:
- a plastic bottle
- torn newspaper
- glue
- warm water
- 2 tablespoons of baking soda
- liquid soap
- vinegar
- red food coloring

1. Make a papier-mâché volcano and put the bottle inside.

2. Pour the warm water into the bottle. Add the coloring, liquid soap, and baking soda.

3. Add the vinegar.

Art Connection: making a model volcano

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CLIL Reflection

1. What skills did the students use?
2. What language did they learn?
3. What intelligences was this suitable for?
4. What values did the students practice?
5. What did they learn about the world?

Is it very different from an EFL classroom?
What is CLIL?

CLIL stands for Content Language Integrated Learning. It is the teaching of a subject such as geography, science, or history through English to learners whose first language is not English. It is also known as ‘Content-based Learning’ or ‘Cross Curriculum Content’.

What are the benefits of CLIL?

Students learn the same way as native speakers do. Lessons are based around highly motivational topics using a top-down approach. The content is familiar to students and multiple intelligence friendly. Students focus on fluency and communication and have the opportunity to experiment with language.

How is CLIL taught?

It is not unlike the EFL classroom; you will still have exercises practicing the 4 macro skills, vocabulary, group/pair work and you even check the answers at the end of a lesson. What changes is the focus. Instead of focusing on the language, you focus on the content. The best news is you don’t even have to be subject matter expert to teach CLIL.

Who is CLIL for?

CLIL is for schools and teachers looking to move into ‘American School’ curriculum teaching. It is more user-friendly than authentic school teaching but more challenging and constructive than the traditional EFL classroom.
Are you suggesting a complete curriculum overhaul just so my students can learn like native speakers?
Want to know more?

Useful Resources

www.onestopenglish.com
www.onestopclil.com
www.teachingenglish.org.uk

Uncovering CLIL

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